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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING HELP FUNCTION IN DIGITAL TV RECEIVER

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/020,162

Examiner

CHRIS PARRY

Applicant(s)

SUH, JI SIM

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 7/10/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-17,19 and 38-42.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/John W. Miller/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2421

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael E. Monaco on July 23, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 8, and 38-42 have been amended.

Claim 18 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A method for implementing a help function in a digital television receiver with a plurality of buttons, including a help button and cursor buttons, provided on the digital television receiver or on a remote controller, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television receiver on a first area of a screen when a user pushes the help button;

indicating any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor as the user manipulates the cursor buttons, and displaying a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the screen; and

displaying on a third area of the screen a help description with respect to one of plural parts of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the screen without a separate key signal,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the screen, ~~and~~

wherein the help description of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and

wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying OSD menu items including an help item on the screen when the user pushes an the OSD button; and

displaying main help items including titles of the external elements in the digital television receiver on the first area when the cursor indicates the help item among the OSD menu items as the user manipulates the cursor buttons.

Claim 18 has been **CANCELLED**.

Claim 38 has been amended as follows:

38. A digital television, comprising:

a display screen;
a controller operatively connected to the display screen, the controller configured to

control the display screen to display main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television ~~receiver~~ on a first area of the display screen when a user pushes a help button on a remote device or on the digital television;

control the display screen to indicate any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor as the user manipulates cursor buttons on the remote device or on the digital television, and displaying a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the display screen; and

control the display screen to display on a third area of the display screen a help description with respect to one part of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the display screen without a separate key signal,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the display screen, and

wherein the help description of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and
wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Claim 39 has been as follows:

39. A method for implementing a help function in a digital television receiver with a remote controller, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television receiver on a first area of a screen on a user demand;

indicating any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor by a user, and displaying a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the screen; and

displaying on a third area of the screen information with respect to one part of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the screen,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the screen, ~~and~~

wherein the information of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and

wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Claim 40 has been amended as follows:

40. A method for implementing a help function in a digital television receiver with a remote controller, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television receiver on a first area of a screen on a user demand;

indicating any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor by a user, and displaying a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the screen; and

displaying on a third area of the screen information with respect to one part of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the screen,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the screen, ~~and~~

wherein the information of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and

wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Claim 41 has been amended as follows:

41. A digital television, comprising:

a display screen;

a controller operatively connected to the display screen, the controller configured to

control the display screen to display main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television ~~receiver~~ on a first area of the display screen on a user demand;

control the display screen to indicate any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor by a user, and display a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the display screen; and

control the display screen to display on a third area of the display screen information with respect to one part of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the display screen,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the display screen, ~~and~~

wherein the information of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and

wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Claim 42 has been amended as follows:

42. A digital television, comprising:

a display screen;

a controller operatively connected to the display screen, the controller configured to

control the display screen to display main help items including titles of external elements in the digital television ~~receiver~~ on a first area of the display screen on a user demand;

control the display screen to indicate any one of the titles of the external elements with a cursor by a user, and display a figure of the external element indicated by the cursor on a second area of the display screen; and

control the display screen to display on a third area of the display screen information with respect to one part of the figure indicated by the cursor on the second area of the display screen,

wherein the first, second and third areas are simultaneously displayed on the display screen, ~~and~~

wherein the information of the third area is removed from the screen when the cursor indicates another part of the figure, and

wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art of record either alone or in combination fails to teach, disclose, or suggest the invention of claims 1, and 38-42 and in particular wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide in combination with other elements recited in the claims.

As to the prior art of record, Yoshida discloses a method for implementing a help function by displaying main help items in the first area 51 as shown in figure 4, such as Picture, Audio, Set-Up, and Remote Control, however Yoshida fails to disclose wherein

the main help items in the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide.

Further, there is no motivation to combine the prior art of record to disclose, teach, or suggest the invention of claims 1, and 38-42 and in particular wherein the main help items displayed on the first area include a remote key, a program remote, a front panel, a rear panel, a hook up, a menu, and a guide in combination with other elements recited in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement filed 23 September 2002 lists NPL reference:

<http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/CIS/Communications/catv/catvtrubanswrs.html>, however, the IDS fails to provide a date for the reference and thus the reference has not been considered by the examiner. The date must be provided in accordance with 37CFR 1.98(b).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The prior art references disclose systems and methods for providing contextual help to a user within a graphical user interface on a television.

USPN 7,043,691 B1 to Kwon et al.

USPN 6,879,350 B2 to Kwon et al.

USPN 6,412,110 B1 to Schein et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRIS PARRY whose telephone number is (571) 272-8328. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM EST to 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN MILLER can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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